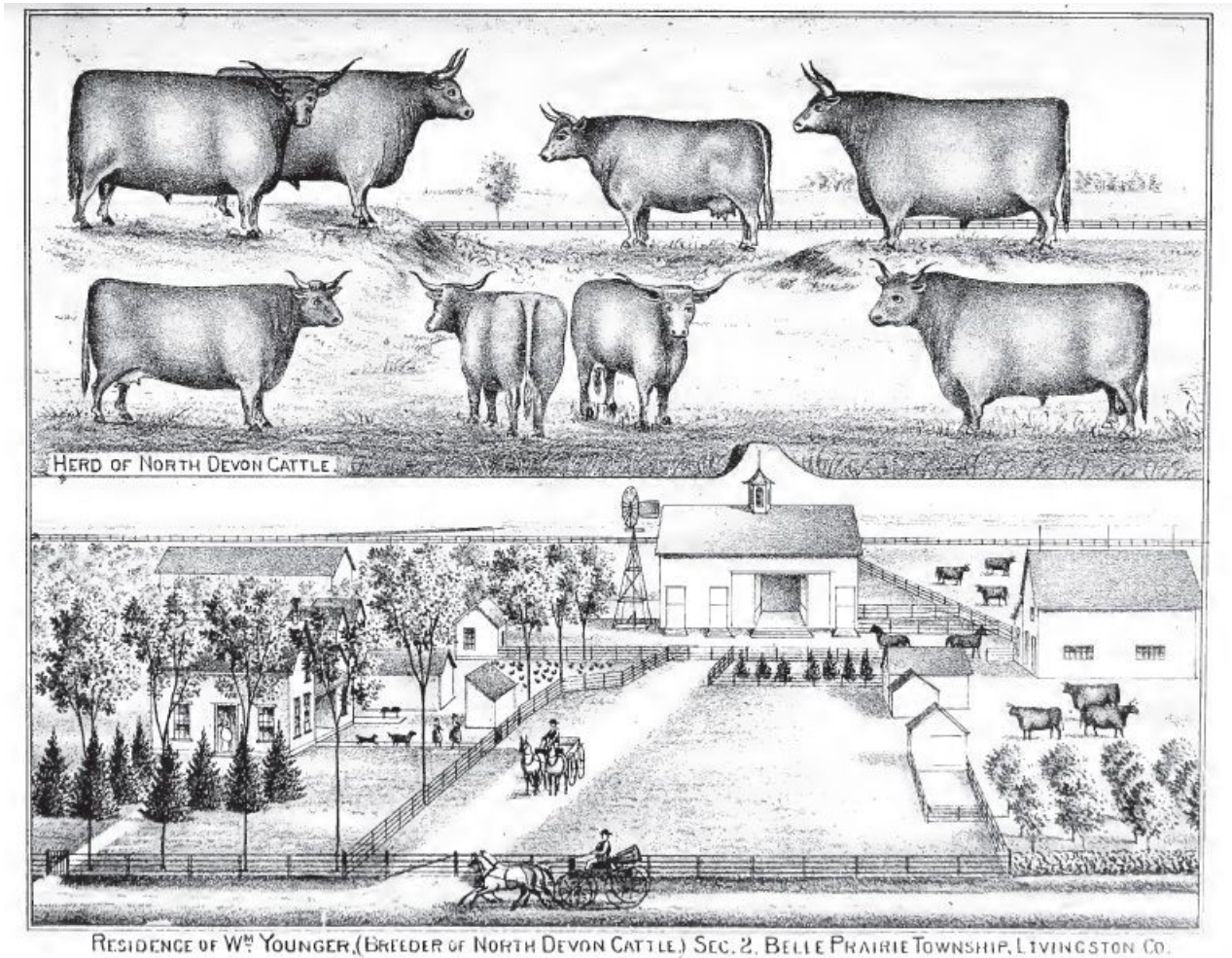


Request for Info on William Younger (1838-1916)

Do I have any info already on my computer from past studies?


Yes, He has a sketch of his farm in Section 2 of Belle Prairie Township, south of Fairbury, in the 1888 Livingston County history book.



Does he also have a bio in the 1888 history book?

Bio on page 671:

CIVICIAN.



WILLIAM YOUNGER, of Belle Prairie Township, has one of the finest stock farms in Livingston County, which includes 365 acres of land, a living spring of water, and all the buildings required for the successful prosecution of his chosen calling. He has for several years enjoyed an enviable reputation as a breeder of Devonshire cattle, fine horses, mostly draft animals, and Poland-China hogs. This breed of cattle came originally from a county of England which forms a part of its southwest peninsula, with a surface greatly broken and diversified, but remarkable for its fertility, and particularly adapted to the development of the cattle which for a century have been highly valued, both in this country and Great Britain. Mr. Younger began the breeding of these cattle in 1876, and now has a herd of twenty-five full-bloods. He has been accustomed for the last six years to carrying off the blue ribbons at the various county fairs, and at the State Fair. At the

Fat Stock Show held in Chicago in 1887, his cattle took the sweepstakes premium.

Mr. Younger was born in Woodford County, Ill., Aug. 11, 1836, and is the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Turner) Younger, natives of Ohio, the latter of whom died when William was but eighteen months old. The father afterward married Miss Lodema White, of Scioto County, Ohio, who died at her home in Peoria County, Aug. 12, 1887. The father still survives, and is now retired from active labor, making his home in Livingston County where he has a moderate property. He was born in Ohio in 1810, and is consequently seventy-seven years of age.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm, and received such an education as the district schools afforded until he was sixteen years old, when he started out in life for himself, and his present condition and surroundings indicate the large measure of success he has achieved in his efforts to obtain a home and a competency. After reaching his twenty-ninth year Mr. Younger was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Hatton, Oct. 18, 1865. Mrs. Younger is a native of Brown County, Ohio, where she was born on the 22d of April, 1844. The result of this union is three children, a son and two daughters, namely: William H., Emma and Ida M.

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The family residence located on section 2, in Belle Prairie Township, is a structure in keeping with its environments, combining comfort and beauty, and displaying in all its appointments the most cultivated tastes and ample means. As illustrative of the advance made in the style of architecture in this section of country we present on an adjoining page a view of Mr. Younger's residence with its surroundings. Mr. Younger has labored industriously, lived economically, and his possessions are but the just reward of his toil and frugality.



Any entry in 1878 livingston county history book?

relates the story to his friends, and enjoys a hearty laugh at the recollection.

Belle Prairie was set off from Indian Grove at the time of township organization, and from that time until about the year 1871, embraced Fayette Township within its limits. When the county was organized into townships, the first Supervisor of Belle Prairie was V. M. Darnall, its first settler. Its present officers are as follows: Supervisor, P. O. Abbey; D. S. Crum and Wm. Younger, Magistrates; Ira C. Pratt, Assessor; Richard Smith, Collector. and J. R. Spence, Town Clerk.

Younger, Wm.,

Younger, Wm., Dealer in Fine North
Devon Cattle and Poland-China Swine.
Sec. 2, Belle Prairie Tp.; P. O. Fair-
bury, Ill.

Any entry in 1900 liv. co. history book?

No

Any entry in 1909 Vol. 2 county history book?

No

Blade articles

120 Years Ago

Dec. 31, 1897

T. C. Ainsworth, the local superintendent of the Marden Cellulose company, commenced the buying of cornstalks the first of the week and has been doing a lively business ever since. The big loads of corn stalks have been quite a feature on the streets this week.

A party is here today to put in some telephones. It is said a phone will be put in at the depot.

Lodge Notes—Everett Chambers and Charles Myers took an enjoyable ride on the Woodman goat Thursday evening. *** St. Paul Commandery, No. 34, conferred the Red Cross degree upon John L. Marsh, of this city, and George D. Montelius, of Piper City, Monday evening.

T. T. Babcock has sold his livery stable to William Younger.

Is there an obit in the Fairbury Blade newspaper?

Having trouble finding an obit.

He is **not** buried in Graceland cemetery in Fairbury per Dominy library cemetery database:

Indian Grove Cemetery Records


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Younger	Kerr	Ruth	6/28/1906	Graceland	Old Cemetery, 9
Younger		Aldine	3/1/1933	Graceland	Old Cemetery, 27

Interesting that findagrave.com web site shows he is buried in Graceland.....

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William Younger

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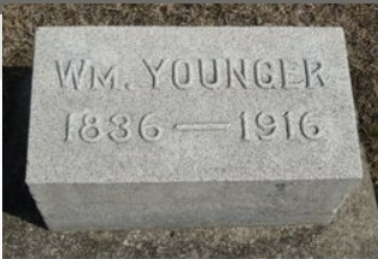
Graceland Cemetery

Fairbury, Livingston County,
Illinois

says he died on sep 9, 1916.

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Son of Benjamin and Sarah Turner Younger.
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Family Members


Spouse


 [Nancy Amantha *Hattan* Younger](#)
1844–1919 (m. 1865)

Children

 [Sarah A. Younger](#)
1866–1869

 [Emma *Younger* Abbey](#)
1871–1894

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1876–1943

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FAMILY

Using sep 9, 1916 death date, can I peruse the Blade and find his obit?

The online Blade archives jump from july 28th to sep 22nd editions in 1916.....about 2 issues missing online?

I checked and we have the 1916 paper book, so I will have to go to museum to find the obit.

Does Pantagraph have a copy of the obit?

Yes, in the sept. 11, 1916 issue:

WILLIAM YOUNGER DIES.

Aged Resident of Fairbury Expires After a Brief Illness.

Fairbury, Ill., Sept. 10.—(Special)—William Younger, one of the early settlers of this community, passed away at his home in this city Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. The deceased was sick only a few hours. He became ill soon after eating his breakfast and was past away without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Younger was born in Woodford county, Ill., August 11, 1836, and was the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Turner) Younger. He was reared on his father's farm, and received such an education as the district schools afforded. When sixteen years of age he started out for himself. He came to Livingston county, settling in Belle Prairie township, south of this city. The country at that time was very sparsely settled and land was very cheap. Mr. Younger purchased a farm and kept adding to it as the years went by until at the time of his death he owned many acres in this vicinity and Cropsey. When on the farm he was a breeder of fine cattle and was accustomed to carrying off the blue ribbons at the various county fairs and at the state fair. At the fat stock show in Chicago in 1887, his cattle took the sweepstakes premium.

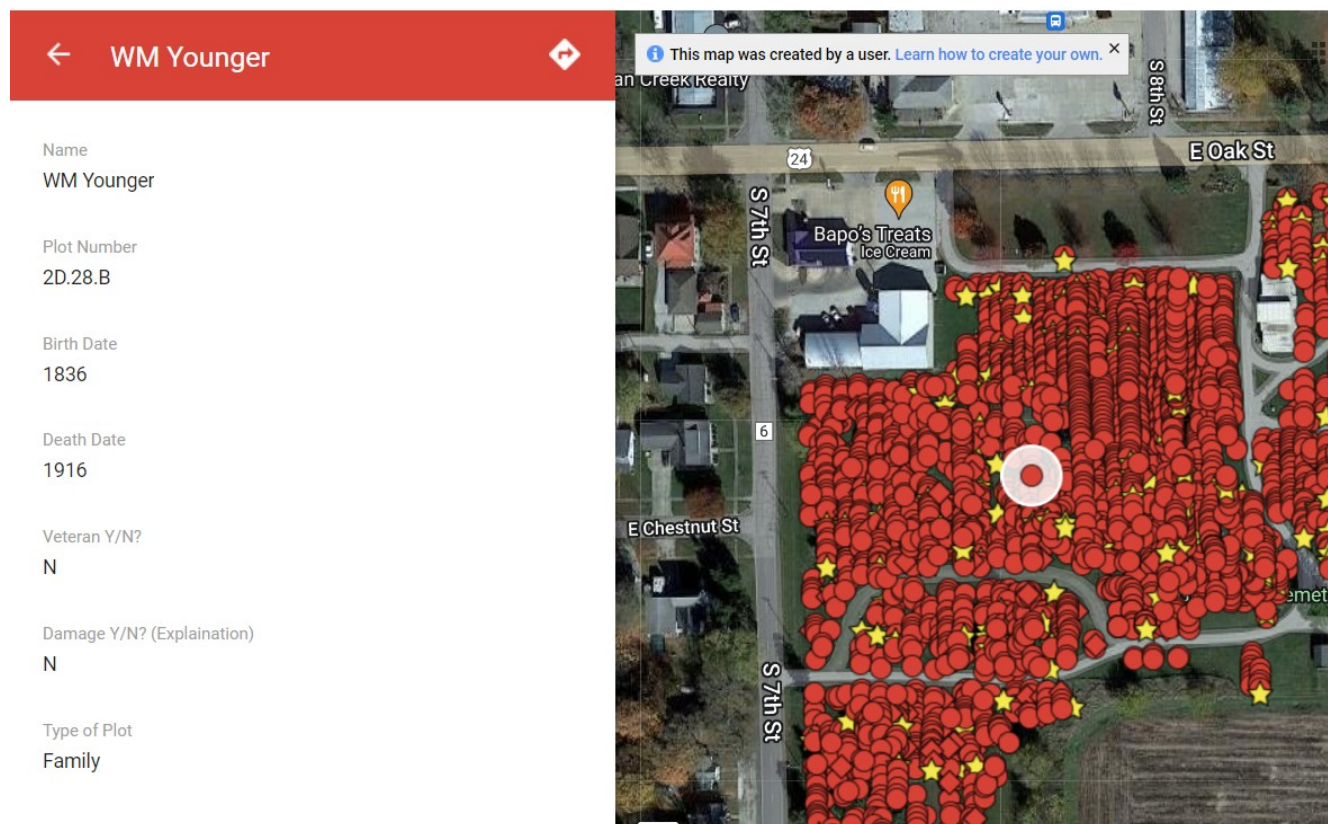
October 18, 1865, Mr. Younger was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Hutton, who with one daughter, Mrs. W. A. Gimbel, who lives southeast of this city, survives him. One son and one daughter preceded him in death. Mr. and Mrs. Younger moved to this city a number of years ago, and altho he had practically retired from the farm he still took a deep interest in agricultural work.

The funeral services will be held from his late home Monday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. C. S. Davies officiating.

Since I found a pantagraph copy, I won't have to go to the museum to find the Blade versions, which should be the same.

Where is he buried at Graceland cemetery?

From Prairie Central geography class web site:



Kind of in the center of the square between 7th street and the mausoleum.

Did I add his obit to the FindAGrave web site?

Yes

Did I add his bio from 1888 history book to the FindAGrave web site?

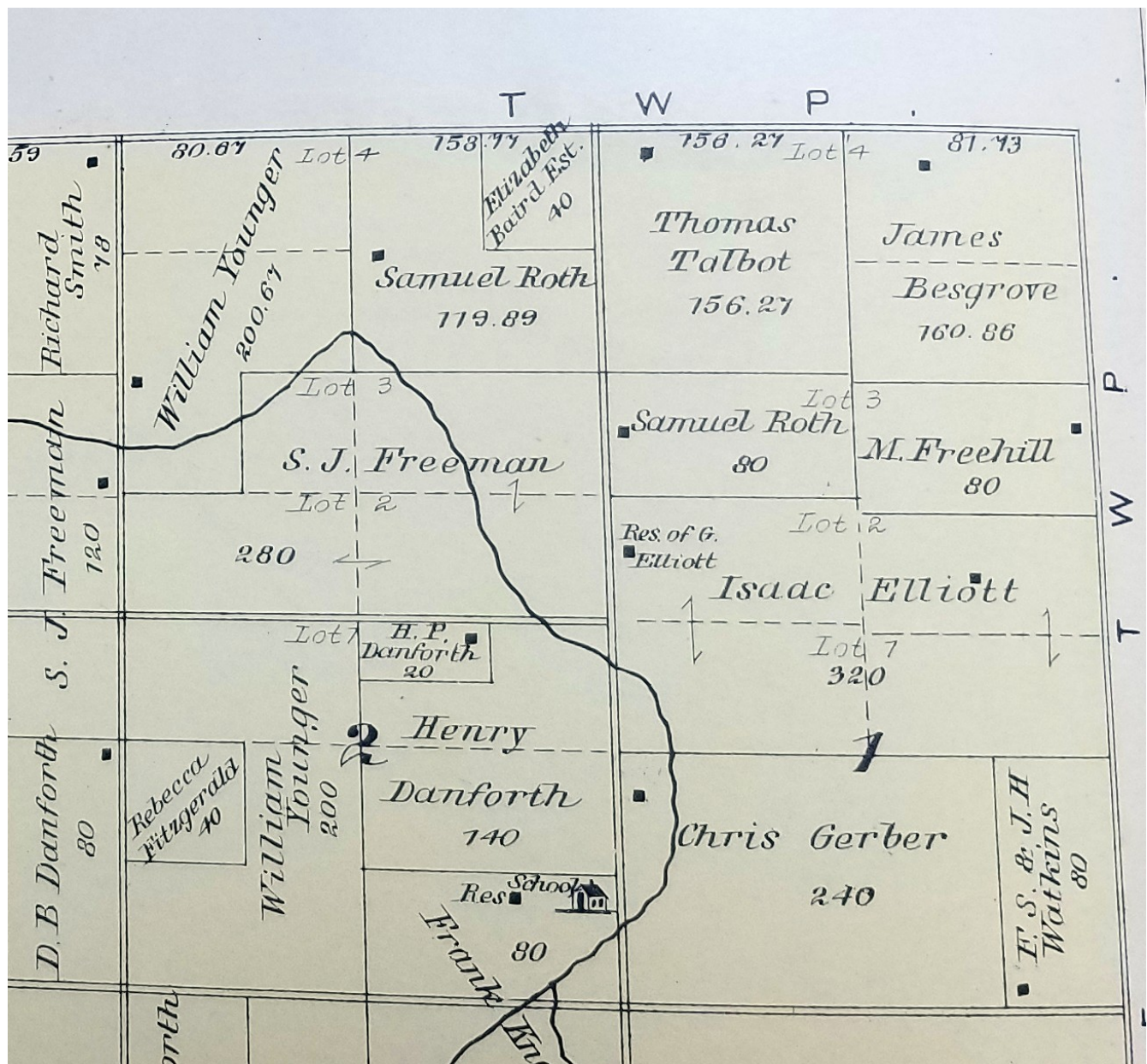
Yes

[This link goes to the findagrave web site for him.](#)

Yes



Now, just show Section 2 where he had 2 plots of land, each 200 acres each, or a total of 400 acres.....



1942 Blade article

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Old Belle Prairie
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BELLE PRAIRIE, Aug. 14.—Two of the oldest houses in Belle Prairie are being painted. They are the homes of W. D. Spence and family and Horace Goembel and family. The Spence house was built in 1903-04 and is being painted by the man who painted it 25 years ago. The Goembel house was built in 1889 and was one of the finest structures in this part of the country. The house was built by Mrs. W. A. Goembel's father, William Younger. Three generations have made it their home. The Spence house has also been the home of three generations.

Old Belle Prairie House Renews Youth

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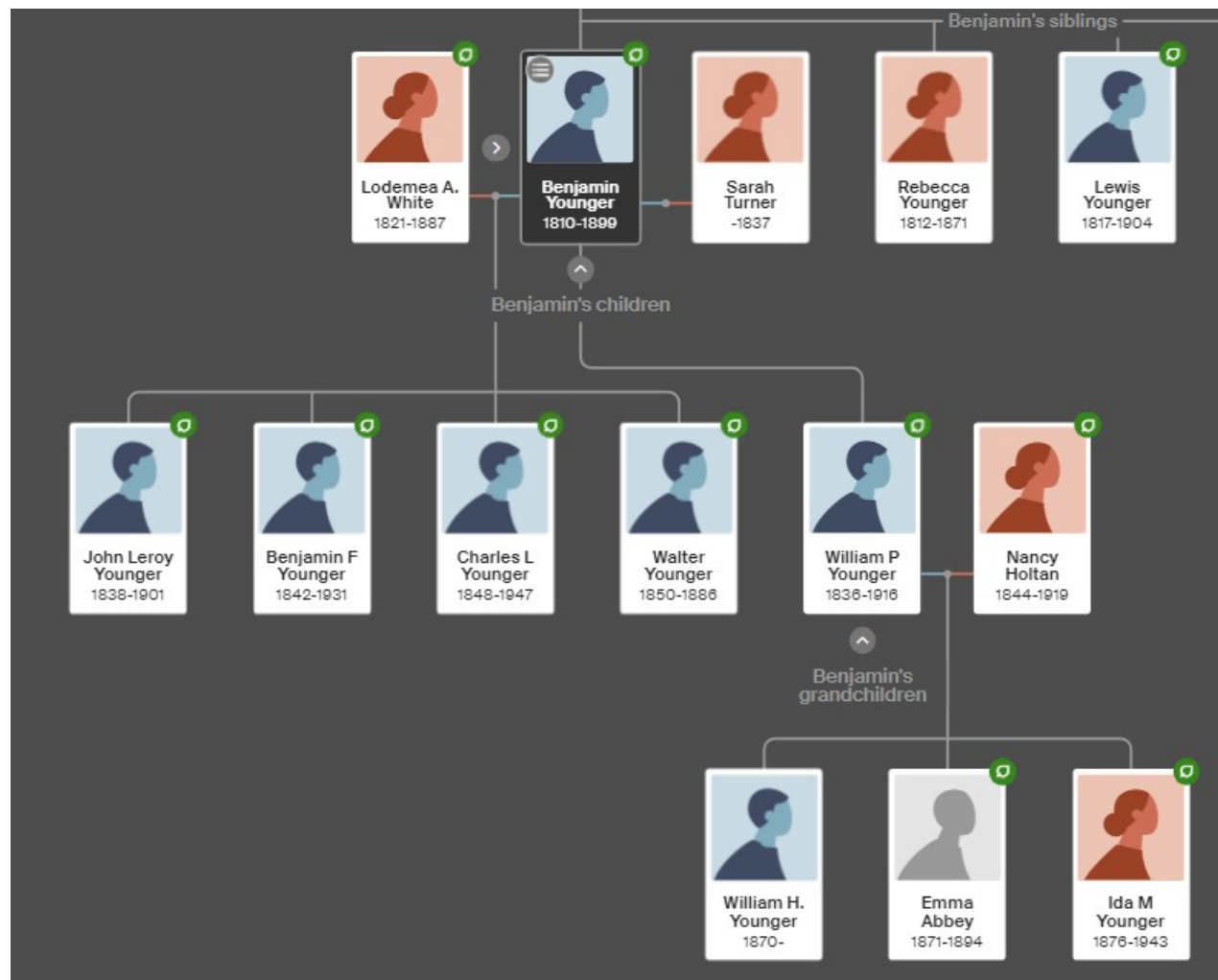
William Younger

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Family Tree in Ancestry.com



William's father was married twice. His mother was Sarah Turner, and she died when William was about 18 months old.

This family tree needs more research to validate everything. I did it very quickly.

Summary

This concludes my study of William Younger (1838-1916).

Dale C. Maley
Fairbury Historian

October 6, 2024